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HALLOW E'EN PARTY.

The students of North and South halls celebrated Hallow E'en with the usual joyous festivities. The Shakespeare Club issued the invitations for the annual party and for a day or two before the event they were busily engaged preparing for their guests. The reception room was decorated with portieres, plants and bric-a-brac, and was lighted by mellow rays proceeding from numerous jack o' lanterns arranged effectively in various parts of the room. The dining room was truly Hallow e'en like in appearance, with stacks of corn arranged round the pillars, strings of popcorn and cranberries festooned from the chandeliers, pumpkins peeping out here and there, and an immense cake—the prize for the fortunate winner in the cake-walk—holding the position of honor on a table in the center of the room.

The guests were received by Miss Tucker and Miss McGinnis, assisted by Miss Wright, Miss McRea and Miss Pratt. As each arrived he was presented with a small envelope in which were written instructions to be carried out before retiring, and a conundrum, the answer to which was in the possession of some young lady in the room. After a short time spent in finding the answer, all went to the dining room to pull taffy, hunt for hidden articles and bob for apples. In the meantime, the reception room had been converted into a veritable Sybil's cave, and here to the accompaniment of the wild shrieking of spirits conjured from the nether regions, and the ominous clanking of chains, the future of all venturesome enough to enter was foretold.

The crowning feature of the evening

was the cake-walk which, in stateliness and dignity, we are sure, outrivalled any ever given by our dusky friends of the South. Miss Tanner and Mr. Clyde Anderson were the happy winners, while Miss McLachlin and Mr. Spitler were such close seconds, that to them was given the honor of serving the guests with the cake. After a few other amusements, all formed a circle, and with joined hands, sang "Auld Lang Syne," thus bringing an exceedingly happy evening to a fitting close.

LAFAYETTE DAY.

Our Normal school responded ably to the call given to all the schools in the land, to observe Oct. 19th as Lafayette Day. There was an excellent program, consisting of patriotic recitations and speeches and the singing of patriotic songs.

We are glad to have so many of our Edinboro friends with us. The recitations by Miss Carpenter and Miss Goodell were fine, being given with a spirit and style which showed a thorough appreciation of the day.

The Marsellaise Hymn seemed especially appropriate and its rendition by the mixed chorus was full of a fire and enthusiasm which was fairly infectious. We all caught the spirit of the day—and when, to close the program, our own beloved "America" was announced, every one joined heartily in the singing.

Mr. Spitler's declamation was well rendered. He is a pleasing speaker and will always be heard with interest.

Principal Flickinger gave an interesting account of the patriotic life of the heroic Lafayette. A collection amounting to about six dollars, was taken up for the Lafayette fund.

NORMAL NOTES.

Principal Flickinger has recently been elected a member of the American Historical Association on motion of a distinguished historian of the United States. This is the most important association in our country, as it includes all of the great authorities on historical subjects. This is a high honor and complimentary to our principal. The American Historical Association was organized at Saratoga in 1884 and incorporated by act of Congress in 1889. Some of its former presidents have been Honorables—Andrew D. White, George Bancroft, George F. Hoar, John Jay and Professors Winship, C. K. Adams, James Angell and other well known men. This association has done much to develop the recent study of American history.

The Senior young men have been doing manual training under Professor Peavy during the fall term. The training of the eye and the hand supplements in a judicious way mind training, thus educating the whole man. Purely mechanical work has little value as intellectual work, but when blended with theory, as it is here, there is much value in it.

Music Hall is crowded these days with the many students studying music and elocution. The two departments jointly use this elegant little hall. Miss Reynolds, the head of the music department, has recently fitted up her office, so that now she has an elegant suite of rooms. She is well supplied with illustrative art, including fine portraits and handsome mantel busts of the great composers. Miss Schillinger as usual has a full department, which includes Elocution, Delsarte and Physical Culture.

The color work in the Model school excites the admiration of all visitors. It is indeed surprising to see with what aptness children acquire the power to discriminate, to select. This is one of the great functions

of color and form work, including Sloyd, that little minds are taught early to think, and to think judiciously. Miss McCloskey has had large experience in this sort of work and the impress of her skilful hand can be seen in many ways. Miss Wade, Prof. Most and Miss Reynolds assist her, the latter two teaching drawing and music, respectively. An effort is being made to make our Model School not only the best possible place for its pupils, but to afford the best possible examples of scientific teaching. Expert teaching as provided in the Model School is vastly superior to what can be furnished anywhere else.

All of the students of the school that desire it receive instruction in club swinging. During the present term, many of the boys have enjoyed this delightful method of physical development.

Dr. Henry C. Elson, a well known professor in the New England Conservatory of Music, and who has an international reputation as an author of musical subjects, and also a popular lecturer, has been engaged to give one of his interesting lectures on January 18th. All the music lovers of this vicinity are looking forward to this great lecture. As this great man has the power of illustrating his themes both in song and with the piano, he is doubly entertaining and interesting. You will miss a treat if you do not attend. The management of the school have secured him at an anticipated loss. He is a high priced lecturer, and has only been induced to come here on account of personal reasons.

The latest addition to the South Hall band is the bass drum. The music of this mammoth instrument is especially heart-breaking about six o'clock in the morning. The owner of this dulcet instrument is Mr. Don Jiminez Blanco Harrison. Some of the boys say that unless the haughty Spaniard reforms his ways, he will have the pleasure of adorning one of the maple trees some of these fine mornings. Messrs. Randall, Mor-

gan, Griswold, Pearson and Anderson have organized themselves as a vigilance committee and we understand they have served a notice on Don Jiminez to desist from his noisy demonstrations.

The special classes in Spanish, German and Chemistry are, relatively, quite large and the work being done is highly satisfactory to the respective teachers, Miss Tucker and Professor Peters.

Professor Morrison is more than pleased this year with the progress made by most of his Geometry students. The DIAL reporter heard a remark recently that "several members of the class who seemed especially dull when they began the subject, are now among the brightest of the class." There is a good deal in a remark of this sort and it should encourage students who lack quickness of perception to persevere.

Our genial young professor of Latin and Greek, Professor Horton, is about as successful in his daily intercourse with the boys of South Hall, as he is in the class room, and that is paying his social life in the hall a high compliment. The DIAL only voices the sentiments of the young men of the hall when it recognizes Mr. Horton's fine qualities of heart and head. We never had a higher social atmosphere among our boys than this term. A well-meaning boy will have no difficulty in getting along with the hall discipline.

Several intelligent visitors who recently visited the library remarked that it was the finest Normal school library that they had seen anywhere in the state. We are all proud of our library, but we hope to see it still further improved during the year. We certainly do not need to take second place when our large, handsome and well equipped reading room is taken into account.

Several young ladies rooming in the hall have confidentially told the DIAL that they believed that two of our popular teach-

ers, Miss Schillinger and Miss Wade, were the greatest letter-writers in the Normal school, because they caught them so often sitting in retired spots, reading letters. When one receives many letters, many replies must be written, and this suggests that there must be a number of correspondents, as such charming young women would not waste their sweetness on their own sex. The query arises, "How many young men have heart disease on their account?" This is respectfully referred to the young ladies' mothers.

The following psychological lesson was recently attempted by one of our Senior young men. He was endeavoring to teach the difference between sensation and perception. Miss Reynolds, who hails from the land of oranges and alligators, was present. The young teacher was making heroic efforts to emphasize the distinction. At last, by way of illustration, he said: "Suppose you were to see Miss Reynolds sitting about ten feet up, between the boughs of an orange tree, listlessly eating oranges with her left hand and clandestinely reading a dilapidated volume of "Don Quixote," would it be a sensation or a perception?" Judging from the countenances of the pupils, it was a sensation.

The following dialogue was recently heard in the chemical laboratory:

James Lavery—Say, Thomas, I saw an item in a paper the other day that said there is enough iron in the average person's body to make five carpet tacks.

Mr. Thomas—By George, Jimmie, that makes me feel cheap.

James Lavery—Why?

Mr. Thomas—Because I was just told in town that they have gone down lately.

The recitals given by the pupils of Elocution each month are instructive to both audience and student. The recitations are taken from the best literature to create a love for good reading. The program consists of readings, dialogues and pantomimes.

PERSONALS.

Miss Gladys Benjamin, '97, is a teacher in McKean.

Miss Ida Tate, '94, is teaching in Summit township.

Susie Zents, '97, is teaching in Washington township.

E. A. Tate, '94, is principal of the schools at Fairview.

Miss Verniece McWilliams, '97, is teaching in East Green.

C. H. Dowman, a '97 Junior, is a teacher in Springfield township.

Miss Mildred Pearsall, '91, is teaching at Shingle House, Potter county.

Jason G. More, a '98 Junior, is a teacher in the township of Venango.

Miss Mary I. Dibble, '91, is a successful teacher in the schools of Smethport.

Professor Waterhouse, '95, is the successful principal of East Springfield school.

Miss Mina Steinhoff, '97, is teaching at Mystic, Pa. This is her second term at this place.

Delma Byham, '87, and Gertrude Bergstrom, '95, are among the teachers in the schools of Kane, Pa.

J. J. Mather, '96, is one of the most experienced and most satisfactory teachers in Washington township.

Mrs. F. L. Smith, '94, and Mrs. Della Curry, '97, are teaching in Ludlow, McKean county, Mr. F. L. Smith, '94, being principal.

John Timmons, '95, is the principal of the Cranesville schools. Mr. Timmons ranks among the best teachers of Erie county.

Miss Stella Hinman, a '97 Junior, is teaching near Roulette, Potter county. Miss Anna Bielawski, a '97 Junior, is teaching at Roulette.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McClenehan, '96, have resigned their positions in the schools of Lowville, and are now enrolled as students

in the medical department of the University of Michigan.

Miss Alice Baker, an ex-student, was married in October to Mr. Ned L. Swift. They are both highly esteemed young people of Edinboro.

B. H. Rhinesmith, '97, has charge of a fine school at Caledonia, Elk county, Pa. Blaine is sure to be a popular teacher wherever he goes.

Orvill Lewis, a Senior rooming in South Hall, was suffering with a bad cold for several days after Thanksgiving. He is now getting better.

We notice the name of Miss Sara Meehan, '97, on the program for the local institute at North East. Her subject was "Vertical Writing."

The Honorable Warren Chaffee, a prominent member of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1885-7, recently visited his daughter, Miss Lulu, who is a student in the Normal.

Among recent students and graduates of the school that occur to us as having served in the late war, are the following: Cassius Leslie, Louis Reeder, '96, Carl Cowen, '95.

John Torry, '98, principal of the Mill Village schools, observed Lafayette Day with appropriate exercises. Miss Carrie Comstock, '98, has the primary room in Mill Village schools.

Prof. P. M. Woodward, a teacher here last spring and also a graduate student, was married during the early fall to Miss Blystone. He is a successful principal of the Wattsburg schools.

On Wednesday evening, the 2nd of November, Miss Bertha Kingsley, '90, whose home is near Cambridge Springs, was married to Karl Baldwin of Edinboro. THE DIAL extends congratulations.

Mr. Nathan Phillips, '98, is one of the teachers in Girard township. We always expect good reports from Mr. Phillips. At the recent institute held in that township, we notice the names of Miss

Alice Loveridge, '91, and Miss Emma Peffer, '95.

Principal Flickinger was engaged for the Jefferson and Elk County Institutes but was unable to attend. As he regularly teaches several classes, it is more difficult for him to get away than for most principals.

Daniel Morgan and Robert Straw, Beau Brummels of the Florida table, are great rivals for the honor of sitting at the head of the table. It is surprising how conceited each one is when occupying that coveted seat.

On the program for the Round Table set for December 17th, we notice the names of P. M. Woodward, whom we have referred to in another paragraph, and Prof. James I. McLallen, '93, the well known principal of the Girard schools.

Leonard Twichell, one of the younger members of our Senior class, is a great admirer of Puck and Judge. It is even hinted that he would rather read Puck and Judge than study a lesson in Psychology. It is strange how tastes vary.

Miss Gertrude Mead, a '97 Junior, is teaching school No. 8 in Glade township, Warren county. Her address is Stoneham. Reports from her school are very flattering to her as a teacher. She expects to be a student in the Normal next spring.

Miss Tucker, our esteemed preceptress and teacher of English, is engaged for several talks at the Venango and Crawford County Institutes. She is a cultured woman and needs only to be known by our institute audiences to be greatly appreciated.

Louis Reeder, who is a member of the 15th Regiment, owing to ill health has been rusticated at home for several weeks. He is the son of Preston Reeder, one of our trustees. Harry, another son, of the class of '94, is assisting his father on the farm.

Mr. Orlo Randall, the Potter county midget, is reckoned the most graceful gentleman on ice, attending school. His descents are especially commendable.

Among the ladies Miss Chaffee, the petite blonde from Wattsburg, is a close second.

James Lavery, who for his age is doubtless the best read boy in school, is a great admirer of the character of Micawber, but James, unlike Micawber, does not wait for things to turn up, for his ambition prompts him to turn things up for himself. Will Hiram Mohney explain?

Jessie Shaddock, a '98 Junior, is a teacher in Greenfield township. She was recently elected as president of the township institute. Mary Davis, who is also a teacher in the same district, was elected secretary. Miss Mable Rogers is also a teacher in the same township.

We are in receipt of the *Normal Review*, the school paper published by the Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pa., also the *Normal Herald*, published by the Indiana State Normal School. Both are representative school papers and a credit to their respective institutions.

C. O. Rundell, after graduating from the Edinboro Normal in 1890, and teaching with marked success, entered Buchtel College from which he graduated in the class of 1898. He is at present principal of the Conneautville schools, in which position he is doing most efficient work.

"Dewey-Hunt-Morton" is the motto of the Triangle Club. The chief industry of the club just now is hunting rats. That is the reason why there is so much jealousy between this club and the little German "hat" band. Since the band has begun to play the rats are getting scarce.

Hon. Andrew J. Palm, 71, is one of the members-elect to the legislature from Crawford county. Mr. Palm is an intellectual gentleman, a man of positive convictions, thoroughly upright and honest. If the state had a majority of such members, there would be fewer legislative scandals.

Miss Arline Bailey, a student with us last spring, is now teaching in East Mead township, Crawford county. All reports speak well of her. The DIAL thanks her for

her interest in it and hopes she may be successful in finding a few more subscribers. No ex-student of Edinboro can afford to be without the DIAL.

At the Mill Creek Institute held November 12, we notice the names of several of our prominent graduates and students: Mr. Harley Wood, '98, who was vice president of the meeting, Miss Mabelle McDowell, '98 Junior, Miss Elizabeth Seib, '95, Edith Bole, '95, Miss Gertrude Shattuck, '95, and Maude Quay, '95.

The sage of the second floor, South Hall, is Mr. Herbert Trace. A perfect Sydney in character and manly accomplishments. His fame, however, rests upon his skill in making Socratic remarks. One of his most abject admirers is Homer Griswold, who ranks him next to Pythagoras as a laconic philosopher.

Miss Margaret McCloskey, our popular principal of the Training Department, has been in great demand at the institutes over the state. She has been an instructor at Montgomery, Berks, Bradford, Erie and Washington County Institutes. We note in the McKeesport papers the following complimentary notices of her:

The many friends of Don E. Smith, of the class of '98, will regret to hear of the death of his estimable mother. This sad event occurred early in November, and was a great shock to the community in which she lived. Don's many Normal friends extend him hearty sympathy in this his sad bereavement. Don is the successful principal at Hydetown.

Hon. F. L. Hoskins is one of the members elected to the legislature from Erie county. For a number of years Mr. Hoskins was one of the most efficient trustees of this school. He has been a friend of the students and of the school during his entire residence in Edinboro. He is an earnest and capable man and we feel quite sure that he will make a creditable record for himself as a legislator.

Mr. Bert Carr, one of our popular

Seniors, has great difficulty in getting up in time for breakfast. His table companions, Messrs. Spitler, Griswold and Anderson, say that he doesn't get enough sleep on account of his fondness for writing poetry. They say that when the frenzy seizes him, he sits up all night. He writes both lyric and elegiac verses but he still seems to like the "meter" by moonlight the best.

"Miss McCloskey's pleasing presence, pleasant voice and manner coupled with the solidity of her arguments made a strong impression." "Miss McCloskey has become a favorite among the teachers. This is her second year as an instructor at the local institute. She is an estimable lady who makes a careful study of all her lectures."

She is also engaged for the Crawford, Northumberland and Lycoming Institutes.

The DIAL being the mirror, not only of the student life but that of our esteemed faculty, is in duty bound to record the flotsam and jetsam that drifts into its sanctum concerning our grave and reverend teachers. The latest zephyr whispers that by a vote of the lady teachers Miss McCloskey has been christened the Sappho of the Normal School. As Sappho was called by Plato the Tenth Muse, this is certainly a high honor. The DIAL extends congratulations.

Mr. Edmund D. Soper, Dickinson College, '98, has begun his work as college secretary of the Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A. He visited our local association during the closing days of October, being with us over Sabbath. He met a large number of our young men and he was very well liked. During the time of his visit, four of our young men resolved to lead a Christian life and to enroll themselves as active members of the school Y. M. C. A. He went from here to Allegheny College.

A number of the Senior class are so fond of Geometry that they recently insisted on Professor Morrison's giving them an extra lesson after school hours. The recitation was unusually interesting for they remained in class about an hour and a half.

The DIAL is so well pleased to record this interest, that it will, for the benefit of others, give the names of these industrious students. They were Messrs. Bole and Cole, Misses Carpenter, Meehan, Reeder and Pratt.

Rev. Walter B. Lowry, Episcopal minister of Corry, but during the late Spanish War, Chaplain of the 16th Reg't Pa. Vol., visited his niece, Miss Annie McRea, in the latter part of October. He was home on a furlough. He safely passed through the terrible fever epidemic in Porto Rico, by which so many noble young men lost their lives. Mr. Lowry is a pleasant gentleman of fine presence. He is a very entertaining talker and thoroughly knows the privations of army life. His niece is one of the most popular girls in the Senior class.

The "hat" band of South Hall gave its usual caterwaul Saturday night in the lobby on first floor. This lobby, by the way, is the angle formed by the L. The following distinguished foreigners constitute this highly accomplished band: Leader, Senior Fritz Carolus Sheldon; Hanus Paul Richard Schmitt, (who is the best blower in the crowd); Don Jimenez Harrison, whose skill on wind instruments is above suspicion; Los Vanitas Dearing, John Mendelssohn Wilcox; Drum Major, Urban Lavery. They usually have an enthusiastic audience. They are ready for engagements for political meetings, funerals and such like.

The many student friends of Miss Tucker, our scholarly preceptress, will be glad to know of the high esteem in which she is held by her alma mater, Toronto University. The distinguished Dean of the famous university, Dr. DeLury, while attending the recent commencement exercises of the Collegiate Institute at Owen Sound, (which school prepared Miss Tucker for the University) in his address to an audience of three thousand people named three of the graduates of the Institute that had afterwards taken honors at the University and who had left an enviable record in its halls.

The only lady's name mentioned was that of our friend, Miss Tucker. He paid her an exceedingly high compliment, apart from naming her, which in itself was a high distinction. As this comes to us through a third party, we do not consider it bad form to tell our friends and her friends, of this well merited tribute.

Our school was well represented in the Spanish war, although we do not have a full roster. One of our boys, George Barrows, '91, seems to have had the most dangerous experience of all so far heard from. He was among those soldiers that were taken to Manila and his company was in the thick of the fight when Manila was captured, July 31st. He was wounded at this time and by some mistake he was reported among the killed. We quote from a letter concerning him, which was written by his sister, Anna Barron, '91, to her friend and schoolmate, Miss Martha Pond, '91, of DeKalb, Ill. "Am glad that I can inform you that my brother George is not dead, but is living and well. The papers from New York to San Francisco reported him killed in the battle of Manila, July 31, but there is no truth in it, and we do not know how it came to be in the papers. I received a letter from him to-day, dated October 21. He was well and perfectly happy. His company suffered the heaviest loss in the battle, but he was fortunate enough to escape with only a slight wound in the hand. One bullet passed through the brim of his hat and one through his blanket. We expect him home in the spring." All his friends of the Edinboro Normal School congratulate him on his narrow escape.

The recent improvements in the chemical laboratory, consisting of the addition of two new tables and some special apparatus, has made it possible for Prof. Peters to give his students more laboratory work. There are about twenty students in the class and all now have ample accommodations in the laboratory.

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IN this number of the DIAL, which closes the calendar year, we desire to express our sense of gratitude to our many friends in and out of the school that have aided us in making our school paper interesting to all of its readers. We thank you one and all for your contributions, and also for the new subscribers that we are getting on our list. This paper should be self-sustaining, and with your help it can be made so. From all our friends everywhere we hear good reports of their prosperity and we are glad to hear this. We are very thankful for the many favors that this school and this paper have received during the passing year, hence we can join with our friends in felicitating one another. In this thankful mood, we therefore now wish to all of our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope for ourselves that the new year may give us larger opportunities for the great work of education which we consider the highest avocation. We, therefore, invite the same cordial support for the coming year that we have received in the past. We want more subscribers to the DIAL and we want more students in our Normal School. Our school has passed that point in its history when it must speak for itself. It now has a constituency that recognizes its excellent qualities, and that will do the necessary advertising. Our next term begins on the 26th of December, the day after Christmas, and

continues for twelve weeks. Therefore all prospective students will bear in mind the necessity of enrolling on the first day and of being here the first week in order to receive the full benefit of the state aid to students. We hope every reader of this paragraph will remember the foregoing statement. Our school is in splendid condition both in its equipment and in its attendance. The term just closing shows a marked increase in numbers over the same term last year, and the coming term indicates still larger increases. We anticipate that both of our dormitories will be pretty nearly filled during the winter term. We therefore suggest that students write for rooms as early as possible in order to save disappointment.

THANKSGIVING AT THE NORMAL.

Our Thanksgiving vacation began on Wednesday evening and continued until Monday morning. A large number of the students went home, but all of the faculty remained at the school except Miss Margaret Wade, who spent the brief vacation at McKean. Those of us who remained were generously treated by our steward, Mr. Wellman. He had turkeys galore, with the usual fringes, such as cranberry sauce and celery. About thirty were here to partake of the elegant repast. Friday evening the students who did not go home for Thanksgiving Day held a party in Philo Hall. Progressive crokinole was the amusement provided, and all seemed to enjoy it most thoroughly. Mr. Clyde Anderson was the successful contestant for the progressive honors, while Miss Vina Bole succeeded in staying at the one table all evening. The prizes, a birch bark and porcupine quill box from Mackinac Island for the progressive, and a candy doll for the consolation, were presented to the winners by Miss Carpenter. About eleven o'clock good nights were said, all averring that the party was the pleasantest affair of the Fall term.

COMMUNICATION.

CONRAD, POTTER CO., PA., Nov. 6, 1898.
DR. J. R. FLICKINGER, Edinboro, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—The Edinboro State Normal School is represented in the teaching profession of Potter county by the following named graduates: W. H. Clulow and wife, '96, at Roulette; C. M. Miller, '97, Principal of East Fork schools; Prof. H. S. Pearsall, '76, Sharon Center; Miss May Seymour, '97, Mina; O. R. Smiley, '97, Odin; May Smiley, '98, Bingham Center.

Judging from the reports coming in, these graduates are doing excellent work in educating the rising generation. Prof. C. M. Miller is collecting much valuable instruction and interesting information of educational affairs in the county from the pioneer days to the present time; and aided by some excellent scholars, will endeavor to write and publish a "History of Education in Potter County." The work will be illustrated with portraits of early and leading teachers, county superintendents and school houses. One chapter will be devoted to the "Value of the Normal School Graduate in the Common Schools of the County;" and an earnest effort will be made to arouse a deeper interest on the part of educators and parents in behalf of scholarly, enthusiastic and well trained teachers.

Those of us who know his inclinations were not surprised when the genial, jovial Mr. Blaine Rhinesmith, '97, made his appearance in our midst, during the session of our last County Institute. He, as an knight-errant of old, chivalrously protected at least one lady to and from the sessions and lectures. The scenery in our mountain-studded county is very charming and it is taken for granted that such an experienced marksman and hunter as Cupid should invade it at this season and slay in such an auspicious hunting ground. / C. M. M.

Query, What is the effect of a stare?
Respectfully referred to Miss Waterhouse.

SOUTH HALL NOTES.

(By our Phunny Reporter.)

Why did Mr. Shaffer look so sleepy last Monday morning?

What causes Mr. Cole to do so much (Hawking) coughing lately?

What question is it Dewey is trying to decide? He thinks a good-ell.

Prof. Morrison has decided the Seniors will soon get enough pie in their Geometry class.

Boys in South Hall are very quiet this Fall, as they are under the strict rules of Prof. Horton.

Several of our young people are going to spend their vacation at home for a "Happy Thanksgiving dinner."

Why was Prof. Horton so scared last Wednesday eve when the signal fire was given in Mr. Dearing's rooms?

Why did Messrs. Dearing, Spitler and Anderson refuse the challenge of the Anti-Whiskerites in basket ball Friday evening?

Prof. Peters has had great success in explaining the experiments in Physics to the Senior class. One of the young ladies described the wedge to perfection the other morning, but when asked where you would strike the wedge to drive it into a block replied, "At the top," and some one has been so cruel as to accuse Miss Daley of the deed.

Several of the boys of South Hall were heard discussing the subject of "girls" the other evening. Rumor reports—they were trying to decide which were the prettiest, wittiest and dignified members of the Senior class. They, after a long debate decided that the prettiest were Miss Daley and Miss Hanson, the wittiest Miss Pratt, and the most dignified Misses Reeder, Saley and Christy.

The classes in Manual Training during the term have about completed the work. Professor Peavy compliments them for their skill and industry.

LATE NORMAL NOTES.

The students in the Business Department have a right to be proud of the work they have accomplished during the term. Recently, Prof. Dewing established a clearing house with daily settlements for all its members. It is surprising what facility in banking and in the handling of commercial paper the students have acquired. The shorthand and typewriting departments are also doing excellent work.

The more our students become acquainted with the skill of Professor Most as an artist, the more they esteem his work. A movement is now on foot to start a class in oil painting. In all lines of artistic work, whether modeling, drawing or work in oil Professor Most is *primus inter pares*.

The skillful hand of Miss McCloskey, the superintendent of our Training Department, has brought the Model school up to a high standard of efficiency. She fully understands the pedagogical principles underlying all true primary work, and has the skill to apply them. She has completely won the hearts of all her girls and boys, and they esteem her accordingly. She is ably seconded by her first assistant, Miss Wade, and also by Miss Reynolds and Mr. Most.

A progressive crokinole party was given to the Seniors in Society Hall on the last Saturday evening of the term. Sixty members of the class were present besides a number of teachers. They had a delightful evening. The prize winners were Alice Baugher, first prize, a souvenir calendar; Miss Carpenter, bell prize, a flower vase; Miss Dailey, consolation prize, a candy watch.

We hope our friends will not forget the Welcome which will be held this year on Saturday night of the opening week of the winter-term, namely, Dec. 31.

The chorus class has been very earnest

and enthusiastic and has done some good work. Indeed, we shall expect some fine music from these young ladies later, if we may judge by what they have already accomplished.

The following young women form the class: Misses Amidon, Henderson, Byham, Harris, Peavy, McLachlin, Christy, Toohey, Etter, Meehan, Morley, Alda Byham, Most, Downey, Gilmore, Minckley, McRea, Kennedy, McGinnis, Essie Morley, Myers, Henry, Pratt, Saley, Carpenter, Tanner, Cronin, Hotchkiss, Baugher, Steinhoff and Lowell.

One night in October, just the season when Plymouth Rock roosters are ripe and in good voice, Don Harrison, our chicken fancier, entertained one of his pets in his room in South Hall. The next morning all the boys in the hall were up with the dawn. Chanticleer, notwithstanding his being enveloped in a sheet, anticipated the coming day, and in loud and shrill note, he roused the boys. An alarm of fire would not have raised them quicker. The rooster, innocent of the many imprecations heaped upon him by the sleepy heads that were roused too early, kept up his shrill clarion until all the roosters in the country were answering their mate. Don has been told in forcible and elegant language not to again attempt to make a hennery of his room.

The Physical Culture in the Model School is one of the most interesting classes. The children enjoy the work and are always happy when Miss Schillinger says, "Our class will be in the big gymnasium to-day." One little girl said in speaking of the Physical Culture, "O I wish we had this work all day long." The exercises this term consist in free work only, but next term other work will be given, also marches and drills to teach time and rhythm.

During all of the cold weather which we have experienced, all of our hallways and rooms have been warm and comfortable. Our rooms are heated by steam.

MUSIC AND ELOCUTION RECITAL.

The first private recital of the departments of music and elocution was held on Friday afternoon at 4:30 on October 28th, in the auditorium of Music Hall. The students and invited guests numbered about seventy-five. The program was well rendered and was creditable not only to the performers, but to Miss Reynolds and Miss Schillinger, the respective heads of the departments of music and elocution. During the past several years, we have been taught to expect something good from the elocution department and we were not disappointed this time. The music department, however, owing to its smallness, has not always been so fortunate in its recitals. Affairs are different this year and the department is now strong and flourishing. The music performers, although many of them inexperienced, did especially well. The following was the program:

- The Postillion.....*Kleinmichel*
Mr. Drake and Mr. Pearson.
- Mona's Waters.....*Lulu Chaffee*
- Waltzer.....*Op. 101, Gurlitt*
Guy Morrison.
- Auf dem Karnssell.....*Op. 192, No. 5, Wolff*
Maude Ekas, Luella McGinnis.
- Lillie Servoss's Ride.....*Jessie Bole*
- Galop Burlesque.....*Op. 12, No. 6, Gurlitt*
Velma Ellsworth.
- The First Banjo.....*Cora Henry*
- Spring Song.....*Mendelssohn*
Louise Reeder.
- Marseillaise Hymn.....*Low*
Velma Ellsworth, Lona Wright.
- Young Donald.....*Blanche Amidon*
- { Song Without Words.....*No. 48, Mendelssohn*
- { Gondolied.....*Op. 5, No. 1, Hunt*
Laura Minckley.
- The Lost Baby.....*Edna Wade*
- Lullaby.....*Root*
Semi-Chorus.
- How Salvador Won.....*Blanche Cole*
- Air Romantique, with variations.....*Thornton*
Mr. Wilcox.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

In accordance with the theory of Goethe that the Beautiful is greater than the Good because, as Mr. Mill says, "It includes the good and adds something to it," we are making an effort to bring the children of

the training school in contact with the best copies of the greatest painting and sculpture which the world has produced.

After the children had been shown a great number of photographs, they were allowed to vote for the ones which they preferred to have purchased for the school. They proved themselves possessed of the will power essential to a prompt decision and of a taste far beyond that which is often accorded to children by giving the highest number of votes to Correggio's Holy Night, the second highest number to Raphael's Sistine Madonna, and the third to Sir Joshua Reynolds' Angel Heads. These pictures have been purchased and are being artistically framed by a Boston firm.

As a result of continued work in this line we hope to be a step nearer that completeness which Mr. John Stuart Mill, rector of the University of St. Andrews, had in mind when in a famous address he said: "Not less needful to the completeness of the human being is the culture which comes through poetry and art and may be described as the education of the feelings and the cultivation of the beautiful." * * * *

Next term manual construction work will be a leading feature of the school and will be described in the next issue of the DIAL.

Y. W. C. A.

Under the able leadership of Miss Waterhouse the Y. W. C. A. is doing exceptionally good work this year. In addition to the regular devotional exercises the members of the association are pursuing a course of Bible study. At each meeting the plan for the ensuing week is given, the portions to be read and studied are assigned, and at the following meeting what has been done is discussed. The women of the Bible is the subject for this year's work. Deborah has already been studied, and much inward strength and inspiration has been received from contemplating this grand character. We urge all the young women of the school to attend the meetings of this association.

POTTER LITERARY SOCIETY.

The old adage "Well begun is half done," proves true with the success of the Potter Literary Society. As was noted in the last issue of the DIAL, the Potters gave the fall term "welcome." This proved to be a very successful opening for the society, as a majority of the students have placed their names on the society roll of members.

The society aims to educate its members, and at the same time it affords good training in the arts of reading, reciting, debating, and singing. The improvement of those who aid in the programs, is very easily seen. The debates are enjoyed by all.

Members of the faculty are frequent visitors, and show great interest in the society. Miss Reynolds, of the music department, and Miss Schillinger, of the elocutionary department, occasionally assist in the programs. Their aid is appreciated by all. The following is the program for Saturday, December 10th.

Quotations from Longfellow.....	Mr. Pearson
Piano Solo.....	Mr. Pearson
Recitation.....	Miss Elsie Morrison
Life of Longfellow.....	Mr. Sheldon
Vocal Solo.....	Miss Smiley
Biography of the President.....	Mr. Carr
Reading.....	Mr. Ralph Anderson
Declamation.....	Mr. Cole
Guitar Duet.....	Misses McLaughlin and Baugher
Conundrums.....	Miss McRea
Recitation.....	Mr. Maryott
News of the Week.....	Mr. Dearing
Quartette.....	Miss Carpenter, Mr. Dearing Miss Peavy, Mr. Spittler.

This is by no means a special program, but is given to show the line of work done by the society.

The meetings are held every Saturday at 2 o'clock in the society parlors. A very cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of the school.

PHILO SOCIETY.

The Philo Everett Literary society extends a hearty welcome to all new and old students. During the Fall term it has flourished, and its members have shown an increased interest in behalf of its cause.

The programs have been of a high pr-

der and very instructive, as well as entertaining. It has rivaled with its sister society and thus increased the zeal of the members for future work. In all the past school years, never has the future looked so promising as it does now.

The society meets every Saturday afternoon. The meetings are called to order by the President at 2 o'clock, and generally the hall is filled by this time with the young people that have come to spend an enjoyable hour. For arranging the programs there is a committee appointed by the president, consisting of about six members. The programs are arranged so each member acts once a month or sometimes oftener. The following is a copy of one of the programs:

Guitar Duet.....	Miss Christy Miss Pratt
Recitation.....	Miss Jessie Bole
Conundrums.....	Miss Milly Byham
Recitation.....	Miss Carrie Graham
Select Reading.....	Raymond Prather
Question Box.....	Ogden Bole
Solo.....	Miss A. Byham
Newspaper.....	Miss Carrie Moore
Recitation.....	Miss Bissell
Piano Solo.....	Miss Reynolds

The aim of the society is to give young people the ability to debate in public and express themselves in a clear, distinctive manner. We now extend a cordial invitation to all to visit our society.

POTTER VS. PHILO.

"Boom! get a rat-trap bigger than a cat-trap!
Boom! get a rat-trap bigger than a cat-trap!
Sis-a-rah, sis-a-rah, sis-a-rah, boom!
Edinboro Philo! Give her room!"

This was the unusual yell that reached the ears of the members and students of the Normal on Saturday evening, December 3d. The cause was a victory of the Philos over the Potters in a game of basket ball. The game was called at 7:30, and was played in twenty minute halves. Both sides played a strong game.

During the first half, luck seemed to go against the Potters. Although they had very good guards, they could not guard the goal from the Philos. At the end of the first half, the score was 10 to 1 in favor of the Philos. During the second half, the

Potters seemed to have their skill revived and did very good work. The second half was won by the Potters with a score of 4 to 2; making the game the Philos' with the score 12 to 5.

The guarding of both sides showed great skill. The goal throwing of Hanson, and the center playing of Anderson, deserve special mention. The teams lined up as follows:

POTTER.	POSITION.	PHILO.
{ McCammans. Anderson. Anderson. McCammans.	Center.	Shaffer.
Thomas. Billings. Dearing.	R. Forward. R. Back. L. Forward. L. Back.	Bole. Griswold. Hanson. Hayes.

Prof. Horton was referee; Nicholson and McCamman were umpires.

The Potters say that they will soon play a return game and show the Philos what they are worth.

This is the first Philo victory since the spring of '96.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

One of the most potent influences for good in our school during the past term has been the Young Men's Christian Association. This is an old organization at Edinboro Normal but it never exerted a higher spiritual influence than it does now. The president of the association is W. W. Pearson, a Senior from Potter county. His robust Christian character is the best possible sermon for higher living. He is full of Christian fervor, unobtrusive but forcible. He is ably assisted by Professor Horton, Mr. Conroe and the many young men in the school that are members. The association was greatly strengthened spiritually by the recent visit by the state secretary, Mr. Soper. As the direct outcome of his visit were a number of conversions. Among the young men who have made this change recently are several that bid fair to be shining lights, not only as good citizens but as noble and Christian men. All the Christian young men and women of the school are glad to reach out a hand toward them to strengthen them and

to encourage them to cling close to their high resolves and to hold them to the end of life. The association sent the following delegates to the recent district convention at Corry; D. S. Hoyt, Harry Gibson, H. E. Griswold, C. G. Sheldon, O. Lewis, T. C. Anderson, H. Mohny, R. Smith. O. Randall and W. W. Pearson.

The association holds meetings every Saturday night at 6:30 in Philo Hall.

THE GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM.

Early in the term, the young women of the school organized several Basket Ball teams, and they have been constantly practicing for several months. They have a great deal of good material and are acquiring considerable skill as players. Basket Ball is splendid exercise and unless carried to excess, is of great value to young people. They acquire confidence in themselves, learn to be active, and thus strengthen themselves physically. The first and second teams are constituted as follows, the first named being the respective captains: First team—Blanche Pratt, Dora Morrison, Elsie Morrison, Blanche Sheldon, Daisy Meehan, Texie Reeder, Bertha Most, Kate Saley, Ada Henderson. Second team—Luella McGinnis, Mable Hanson, Iva Carpenter, Minnie Christy, Jessie Butler, Velma Ellsworth, Annie McRea, Ethel Dirham, Lulu Chaffee.

TEACHERS' RECEPTION.

One of the most pleasant functions, insofar as our school faculty is concerned, was the delightful reception given to our school faculty by Mr. and Mrs. Peavy early in the term. They threw open their hospitable house and cordially received the old and the new members of the faculty. The evening was spent in social enjoyment, coupled with refreshments. The pleasures of the evening were prolonged until a late hour, thus showing that Mrs. Peavy is a most genial and entertaining hostess. All the members of the faculty were present except Miss Reynolds, who was detained on account of ill health. It was certainly a delightful evening and will be long remembered by all present.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Monday of the closing week of the term, the grim reaper, Death, ruthlessly claimed one of the beloved members of our school, Cora Mae Henry, a Senior. Miss Henry died at her home in McKean, having been sick only about ten days. Her death was a sad blow to her many friends, as she had won the hearts of her teachers and her school mates by her many amiable qualities. The DIAL extends the sympathy of the school to the bereaved parents and the many friends of the young woman. The class of '99 sent a beautiful collection of white roses, arranged in the form of a broken circle, emblematic of the vacant chair in their class circle. The Young Women's Christian Association also remembered her by sending a beautiful bouquet. Both of these collections of flowers were tastefully cut and prepared at the florists' at Meadville. Her vacant chair in chapel has been draped in black. The following resolutions were passed by the class and by the association:—

Y. W. C. A. Resolutions.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Henry and Family:

We, the members of the Young Women's Christian Association of the Edinboro State Normal School, desire to express to you our heartfelt sympathy, in the sudden and severe affliction which you have been called upon to suffer. We mourn with you, the loss of a bright, promising life, and while we know that nothing can immediately heal the wound which death has made, we hope that you will gain consolation from the remembrance of the many Christian virtues and the holy life of her who has gone from us. She was ever one of the most consecrated members of our Association, and the sweet and beneficent influence which she exerted over all her associates, will not soon be forgotten. We know that she was prepared for her journey to that Better Land, and we feel that she is happy now, rejoicing in the love of Christ our Lord. We assure you that our prayers will ascend to the Throne of Grace, with the petition that God will come to you, with healing on His wings, and that He will give to you that peace of soul "which passeth all understanding."

Signed in behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association:

GEORGIA WATERHOUSE, Pres.
 GERTRUDE TANNER, Sec'y.
 ALDA BYHAM, Treas.
 CARRIE GRAHAM, }
 DORA MORRISON, } Com.
 AUSTA LOWELL, }
 MILLY BYHAM, }

Class Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Senior class of the Edinboro Normal, held December 12, 1898, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased God in His infinite mercy and wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved classmate, Cora M. Henry, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family, our sincere sympathy and condolence, and that we assure them that we share their burden of trial and sorrow.

Resolved, That our class and school has lost an earnest and devoted worker, beloved and esteemed by all who knew her, for the pure and upright character which she possessed, and for the faithfulness with which she performed the lesser as well as the greater duties which constitute a Christian life.

Resolved, That we, as a school, are better for having had in our midst, even for a short time, the noble girl whom our Heavenly Father has called to her eternal home.

Resolved, That her chapel chair be draped in mourning for the remainder of the term, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to the Edinboro *Independent* and the NORMAL DIAL for publication.

BLANCHE SHELDON,
 TEXIE REEDER,
 GEORGIA WATERHOUSE, } Com.
 LLOYD SPITLER,
 WILL COLE, }

The Elocution department for next term promises to be even larger than this fall. When we remember that three years ago there was no department of Elocution, and now find a department consisting of nearly fifty enthusiastic students for this term, we see how necessary and important the study is and how much our students appreciate the work.

MUSIC RECITALS.

The director of music gives a pupils' recital every month in order that the pupils may acquire ease and self-possession in playing before others. At the recitals already given, Mr. John Wilcox has added much to the pleasure by his delightful clarinet solos. One very novel feature in the last program was the piano trio (by Schubert) admirably given by Misses Ellsworth, Bole and Christy. There is to be much of this concerted work in the future by the pupils, as it affords excellent drill in rhythm and style. The following is the program of a recent music recital:

PUPILS' RECITAL.

Music Department, Nov. 22, 1898.

- Duet, "To the Chase,".....Behr
Maude Ekas and Nettie Wade.
- "Greeting to Appenzell".....Wunzel
Guy Morrison.
- "Romanza".....Wiesenborn
Mr. Wilcox.
- "Stephanie Gavotte".....Czibulka
Miss Wright.
- "The Brooklet".....Ryder
Miss McGinnis.
- "The Maybells".....Mendelssohn
Chorus Class.
- Duet, "Meadow Dance,".....Lichner
- "Confession".....Thorne
Miss Minkley.
- Trio, "Marsch," op. 27 No. 2.....Schubert
Misses Ellsworth, Bole and Christy.

We congratulate the young men of the the Senior class upon their desire to develop physical as well as mental power. They are contemplating the forming of an Indian Club class for next term.

Our Shakespeare Club has decided to give the play, "As You Like It," and the young ladies are already in the midst of the work. All declare it must be even better than last year. Our friends who were fortunate enough to attend the Shakespeare Club evening last year remember the fine work rendered and may look forward to this year's play with pleasure.

The good quality of the board furnished at the hall during the term, has encouraged a number of students boarding outside to ask to come in for the winter term.

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